

REMARKS

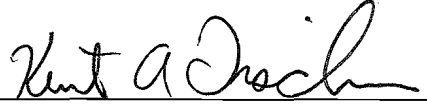
This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Examiner's Action dated May 16, 2006. Independent Claim 26 has been amended, and dependent Claim 29 has been cancelled without prejudice. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-25. Additionally, Applicant notes that the Examiner has indicated that Claims 27-29 include allowable subject matter. As noted above, Independent Claim 26 has been amended. It is believed that this amendment substantially incorporates the subject matter of allowable Claim 29 into Independent Claim 26. Claim 27 has been re-written in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant believes that all Claims are now in condition for allowance.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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